HISTORICAL CHARM.
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“Summer is slow,” they say. “You’ll be bored,” they said. “You’ll have SO much time on your hands!”

I am glad to report that the summer slump naysayers missed the target on this one.

Summer ’16 Dataw Marketing Department highlights include coordinating a Broker Open House (and all the random related tasks, like converting the the Sales Center kitchen into a temporary “flower shop” as I arranged 20 bouquets to deliver to local real estate agencies announcing that “Summer is in full bloom at Dataw!” and that they should attend our Open House); rolling out a Country Club membership referral program; researching and analyzing real estate trends on Dataw; planning for the upcoming fall show season; forging ahead fearlessly on the CRM; website... and BLOG projects (see page 17); preparing for the upcoming video shoot; and -- one of my personal favorites of the summer -- visiting Hunting Island Beach State Park with the Lambs and their ADORABLE (...and ACTIVE!) dogs, Tate and Chloe, to conduct a photo shoot for an upcoming feature in Executive Golfer Magazine.

Real estate visits were “up” in May more than 250% over last May - even with it being an election year. We did see a slow down in June, but July seems to have picked right back up.

In other words...I’m happy to report that it has been a busy and productive summer! Hopefully you’ve been enjoying some R&R at the new pool. Me? I think I’ll head on back out to the beach!

Cheers!

Laura Q. McCarthy

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COVER CONTEST
Announcement

Would you like YOUR artistic creation to be featured on the next edition of Lasting Impressions? Each quarter, we will announce a theme and accept submissions for member art to be featured on the front cover.

Images will be selected based on how well they meet the theme that month, along with how well they capture the beauty, history, and charm of Dataw.

WINTER THEME: New Beginnings

Please submit images at a minimum of 1 mb and a maximum of 10 mb to datawmarketing@islc.net.

Include your name as you would want it credited, as well as the title of your art. Submitting a piece for inclusion implies consent for Dataw Marketing to use your image in our marketing materials.

Please note that all submissions will be acknowledged by reply email as “received” within two business days. If you do not receive a return email confirming your submission, please call (843) 838-3838, Ext. 8.

Interested in contributing to Lasting Impressions?
Please contact Laura McCarthy at (843) 838-3838, Ext. 8 or at datawmarketing@islc.net.
Lustrous skies are filled with light and color. The fullness of the harvest is upon us. Cooler breezes from Jenkins Creek blow across Dataw Island. Glorious autumn evenings invite gatherings and tales of Lowcountry living. It’s time for reconnection.

With Mother Nature leading us on in full color, what better time is there to wake to change and CELEBRATE! Don’t sit on a pumpkin alone. Invite your Dataw friends.

Everyone here loves a party, right? Hummmmmm. Who doesn’t sometimes? The host. Here are some fresh ideas and twists on old ones that may put you at party ease. Inside or out, porch or lawn, there is something here for everyone.

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

Plan ahead! It may seem absurd that planning can be lost on some people. But what does it mean, exactly? It’s a fast-paced world and people’s schedules fill up quickly. So, by paper, phone or email, send a save-the-date notice about 4+ weeks in advance. Details can be provided later.

Save yourself and sign up a wing man or woman. Don’t be afraid to ask for help – someone who will be there for you right through the finish. Even if you have to pay them. Make lists and hand out assignments. If it is a potluck dinner, keep the lines open and know what people are bringing. Otherwise, you probably will have too much of a good thing – like desserts.

Ordering out is okay, too. Yep. According to Dataw Island frequent party host Joan Gilchrist, “I order out for wings and have fresh shrimp done for me,” Joan happily admits. “Trader Joe’s
and Costco both have a good selection of appetizers. I usually have a self-serve beverage bar and, often, have someone to pass food, pick up and replenish as needed. Bottom line, I try to make sure that the food is filling, the booze is flowing and people are having fun,” she says.

**COUNTER CULTURE**

Outdoor and porch parties are meant to be informal. So, you can be as wildly creative as your time and mind allow. Just about any material can be used to create bars, counters and crafty tables. Crates, pallets, barrels, trunks, large boxes or baskets with lids, old boats, wheel barrows, vintage suitcases, even an old piano if you happen to have one.

Table/bar/counter containers for food and flowers are endless: vases, buckets, baskets, hurricanes, flower pots, tea pots, wood or printed paper boxes, canisters, flower urns, indoor bowls, large seashells, ribboned brown paper bags and more. Tea towels or cloth napkins can be used to line most of these. Remember to have serving utensils for each dish. Who wants a garlicky potato spoon in your mint fruit salad?

Create a variety of heights for interest using inverted bowls, covered boxes, even casserole dishes. Please label whatever you are serving. I love the “blackboard” labels that can be bought at most craft shops.

Old picture frames can be
used as trays; buy melamine plates from a dollar store if you don’t want to use glass or paper. Colored plastic utensils are fine, too.

For easy handling, tie your napkins (cloth or paper) together with your utensils. Or, sleeves can be made or bought for them. Dress them with snippets from the garden or flower shop. Hint: leaves usually last longer then flowers. Or, look for pretty artificial blooms.

Flowers in the colors of Fall are easy to find and less expensive. Wild things can be gathered from the outdoors. Those circular cuts and branches you saved from your last tree trimming can be used in your decorating. But, be sure to clean them well and remove any unexpected guests. If you are reluctant to bring outdoor objects in-home, amazing rocks, grasses and branches can be bought at stores like Pier One and Home Goods. When hosting an outdoor party, be colorful and casual with your decorating. No need to fret.

WINE BAR, ALE HOUSE OR PUB

Whatever your bar décor, consider the needs of your guests. Besides the usual liquor, mixers, beer, and wine, you will want to offer non-alcohol drinks. Consider sweet and unsweet tea... and peach cider, available just down the road on the Sea Island Parkway at the Carolina Cider Company. Garnish with fresh fruit slices.

If you don’t have any glass dispensers, borrow them (or pitchers) from neighbors and friends. You can borrow most anything from generous Datawites without leaving the gate!

Don’t forget those diabolic details that can come back to haunt you. It’s likely you will need glasses or cups, lemons, limes, olives, stirrers, napkins...and fancy fruit on a stick with tiny umbrellas (just kidding). And, labels. Mystery drinks aren’t germane, unless it’s Halloween.
SIMPLE SERVINGS...NO RECIPES REQUIRED

Here are a few easy ideas:

• Watermelon triangles on a pop stick
• Endive leaves with ricotta, almonds and raisins
• Smoked salmon and cream cheese on toast points
• Charcuterie platter with salami, prosciutto and a variety of cheeses
• Grape tomatoes stuffed with ricotta cheese; seasonings can be added
• Baked Brie, served warm, topped with a generous squeeze of honey

• Pimento cheese with fancy crackers – store-bought or homemade
• Scoop-style tortilla chips with black beans, cubed avocado, lemon and seasonings
• Crudite using seasonal vegetables and dip
• Sweet fig chutney on toast rounds, topped with blue cheese
• Sugar and spice nuts that can be bought or made

WHAT’S FOR DESSERT?

There are so many purveyors of bakery treats now, it’s easy to buy exquisite ones. Baking has become an art. So, unless you just love baking, it’s fun and practical to connect with and enjoy the bounty of local bakers.

America is having a love affair with individualized desserts. Specialty cupcakes, personal pies especially apple, tiny tarts, little cheesecakes topped with fruit, chocolate eclairs, brownies (and blondies), chocolate chip cookies, macaroons that look like little hamburgers, Chocolate profiteroles, beignet (a high-falutin’ donut), Napoleons – also known as mille-feuilles, almond croissants, cookie sticks.

A favorite, of course, is ice cream. You can’t beat a self-serve ice-cream bar with toppings, waffle and sugar cones. Or, add a scoop to most any of the individualized desserts. Non pariel!

Whether we know it or not, we are always creating moments as we circle each other. Your outdoor party will be another Dataw moment. As Joan Gilchrist says, “I don’t want to make a party so complicated that I can’t relax and enjoy my guests!”

Reconnect and Celebrate
Serving a cocktail that is too amped up with alcohol is never a good idea. Guests can be caught off guard and get fuddled quickly. You want them to enjoy themselves, not become 'that guy' with regrets who will be red-faced from now on.

Some cocktails don’t make up well in bulk – martinis, for example. But, there are lots of other choices. Find a recipe you like, make it and try it in advance. It’s good to know that a standard shot is 1.5 oz. If your recipe calls for more alcohol, you may decide to reduce the octane by using less. This party is not a chemistry experiment.

Once you have made a choice, do some simple math. Assume that some of your guests will not drink your cocktail. They may prefer beer, wine or a basic mixed drink. Take your cocktail recipe and multiply each ingredient by the number of servings you want to prepare. Two to three servings times the number of people you estimate will drink it should be enough. Heck, if you run out, your guests will manage..and drink something else.

If, on the other hand, your cocktail is not so popular...keep the leftovers, covered, in the fridge and drink it while you are in “recovery.”

FETA CRUMBLES & COMPRESSED MELON SALAD

Topped with the tart, fresh Mediterranean flavor of crumbled Feta, this sweet and salty melon salad pairs perfectly with your next outdoor summer party.

Ingredients:

- Package Feta Crumbles
- 1 whole Honeydew Melon Cubed
- 1/2 whole Watermelon Cubed
- 1 whole Cantalope Cubed
- 1/4 cup Saba Vinegar for drizzling
- 1/4 cup Pistachio Oil for drizzling
- 1/2 cup Pistachios Chopped
- 16 whole Mint Leaves
- 16 whole Basil Leaves

Directions:

1. Cut all three melons into 2-inch cubes.
2. Compress melon cubes in vacuum-sealed bag and marinate for up to 24 hours.
3. Open vacuum-sealed bag and plate melon cubes evenly among four plates.
4. Drizzle with Saba vinegar and pistachio oil.
5. Top with Feta, four mint leaves and four basil leaves.
7. TIP: Compressing the melons in a vacuumed-seal bag pushes all of the natural water content back inside the fruit, adding to its sweet flavor.

TEQUILA SUNRISE

- 1 1/2 ounces tequila
- 3 ounces orange juice (more or less to taste)
- 1 teaspoon grenadine
- Ice

Mix ingredients before guests arrive. Blend ingredients with ice and add to a drink server with spigot or pitcher before serving. Garnish inside the server with orange slices. Serve in short glasses (or cups) to manage consumption.

Note: Some of the ice will melt. You can reduce the amount of orange juice to accommodate, encourage guests to drink your “featured drink” first, or get creative and make ice cubes from orange juice!
When Marilyn Harris moved to Dataw from the Washington, D.C. area, she purchased one of the popular Westbrook models designed by ALCOA. There are 13 such models on the island, and probably some variations of the plan as well. Marilyn loved the location on one of Dataw’s ponds, and she knew the minute she walked in, she wanted to see the water. “I didn’t care if it was an ocean, a stream, or a pond. I just wanted the restfulness and peace of seeing water.” The Westbrook, however, had a wall separating the living room and a family room, with a two-way fireplace. The effect is chopped up, which is the antithesis to today’s desirable open floor plans.
Harris decided to renovate, expanding the kitchen out into the former family room area, and knocking down the wall separating the family room and the living room.

“It was impossible to really see anything from the kitchen pass-thru because the family room wall blocked the view channel. The result is handsome indeed, and yes, the minute you walk in, you see “water.”
Another dated feature was a half wall that separated the dining area. Out it came, and in its place is a spacious dining area that flows easily into the living room and kitchen without compromising intimacy.

Harris likes to entertain, so she converted an old storage closet into a butler’s pantry.

And she cut back the overgrown yard to open up her view. “Some people want to screen out the houses across the way, but my desire to experience the serenity of the pond trumped all that.” Her philosophy is summed up on her Porch Rules sign.

We’ll be right over, Marilyn! Open up the bar!
Clubs within the Club

Dataw Island sports more than 20 clubs and member groups. Staying busy is easier than finding time to “fit it all” in! This new “Clubs within the Club” section will highlight a different group each quarter, giving members an opportunity to learn more about some of opportunities available.

CHECKMATE!
CHECKING IN WITH THE CHESS CLUB
by Tom Bixby
Having trouble finding an outlet for your excess mental energy in retirement? Dataw Island’s Chess Club is a great place to channel some of it. “It’s a great way to keep the mind active,” says Frank Bierman, one of the dedicated regulars who engage in mental combat across the checkered grid on Thursday afternoons at the Community Center. The Chess club is open to all Dataw Island Club members and their off island/non-resident guests. Skill level and experience is unimportant. The club has players with a wide range of rankings and new players will be matched with those that play at similar levels. The members are more than happy to teach beginners or help those who have not played for decades to improve their play.

The Thursday afternoon gatherings are casual and informal. Before play begins the group often works together to solve chess problems or to analyze openings, end games and learn new strategies. In addition to the weekly face to face battles over the board, several members play each other throughout the week over the internet. Some meet at the pub or at home to help each other improve their play. Residents occasionally bring their visiting children and
grandchildren to compete and learn. Recently some members have begun to play at Dataw’s beautiful new pool facility.

“There isn’t a single player that hasn’t significantly improved their skill level since we started the club,” reports Gabe Nagy.

“It is great for maintaining the ability to concentrate,” says Bill Bopp.

Chess is also a great way to make friends. As chess champion Magnus Carlsen commented, “It’s easy for me to get along with chess players. Although we are all very different, we have chess in common.”

Unlike some activities, anyone can play. You don’t have to be a particular size, shape or gender to play and play well. It’s not true, what Woody Allen claimed: “I failed to make the chess team because of my height.”

For more information on how you can get involved with the Chess Club, contact Tom Bixby at datawbixbys@aol.com and join them at their next gathering.
Home sales continue to be strong, with median and average values increasing year over year. (Please note that in our new quarterly format for “Lasting Impressions,” sales figures are now being reported based on the most recent fiscal quarter.)

• In Q2 2016 we saw 19 sales transactions, 15 of which were home sales. Our median sales price was $420,000 and the average sale price for homes was $438,669. In Q2 2015 we had 20 sales, 13 of which were homes. The median sales price for homes was $217,500 and the average was $270,575. Quarter-over-quarter, our median sales price increased $202,500, which was a 93% increase.

• Our year to date median sales price for a home in 2016 is $405,000 and the average is $414,967. In 2015, the year to date median sales price for a home was $227,000 and the average was $319,909. Year-over-year, our median sales price has increased $178,000.

• There are currently 83 homes on the market and 65 lots, compared to 82 homes last month, and 65 lots. Ten existing homes are under contract.

• We executed 28 Experience Dataw packages in Q2, compared to Q2 2015 when we had 40 packages.
Listing agents and homeowners were invited to participate in the lottery drawing to be part of the Dataw Island Broker Summer Open House.

I invited more than 400 individual agents by email, and visited 18 local offices with flyers and flowers. Additionally, Bobby Grove of Logan Homes and Annette Bryant of Coldwell Banker visited real estate offices with invitations and reminders.

The event was attended by 25 qualified agents, who on average visited about 5 homes each. The homeowners and listing agents did a wonderful job with hospitality, welcoming these agents with warm smiles and delicious bites.

Through a randomized drawing, 9 resales and 2 new homes were selected to participate, out of more than 50 who were included in the lottery. As you may recall, we had 31 homes on our last island-wide open house last fall.

The change in format came upon recommendation of our Sales Agents, who were invited to participate in a planning meeting as well as give feedback through email. The six agents (representing four companies) who volunteered and attended the planning meeting expressed concern that Realtors do not have time to tour more than 8-12 homes in one day, and that having more than that on tour at once would do a disservice to our homeowners by stretching the traffic too thin. Also, although we had impressive attendance last fall, the planning committee was concerned that a cash prize only draws agents interested in a “great race” to quickly stop by the front door to enter the drawing, rather than taking time to tour homes. Hence, we decided to limit the number of homes.

Agents enjoyed touring the homes and the island; thank you to all of the homeowners and listing agents!

Please stay tuned as we regroup and gear up for our next event.

*Some additional homes “piggy backed” the official open house, so numbers of agent visits may be skewed, as these homes were not tracked through the marketing department.

Logan Homes Announcement

Logan Homes is pleased to announce aggressive new pricing on their homes on Dataw Island. This change reflects the cost-to-build savings that they have accomplished through securing a network of local contractors and the volume that they are achieving in the region.

D Logan, owner and President of Logan Homes, says, “Dataw is one of the best - if not THE best community in the area, and we want to support the real estate community’s ability to sell our homes by passing along our savings to them.”

“Prospects love that they don’t have to pay the $15,000 membership initiation fee on the majority of our homes, and Realtors are excited about the 4% commission,” D adds.

NEW PRICING:
314 Westbrook Rd. $368,500
316 Westbrook Rd. $386,400
245 Locust Fence Rd. $335,200
243 Locust Fence Rd. $365,300
Several members have expressed piqued interest in the Dataw Island blog, with questions ranging from “What is a blog?” to “Why do we have one?”

“Blog,” as defined by Merriam-Webster:

**BLOG** [blawg, bläg] shortening of weblog
A web site that contains online personal reflections, comments, and often hyperlinks provided by the writer; also: the contents of such a site

Simply stated, a blog is a website (or page within a website) that is reserved for “color” as we call it in journalism, or for you Office Space fans out there, “flair.” It is neither news nor is it “just the facts, ma’am.” News articles belong on a page dedicated to news/press/media; the remainder of the website, although written with a degree of emotion and color, is reserved to tell our story in a more straightforward way.

A blog page crosses into a more personal realm; a realm in which creative license and opinion are expected to inspire and entertain. When executed well, blog posts are likely to be shared across social media channels.

**HOW IT WORKS:**

1. We post a story that inspires, educates, entertains or some combination thereof

2. We then share a teaser intro for the story on our social media channels

3. Our social media followers see the image and the first few sentences; hopefully the teaser was effective and they choose to click through to read the rest of the story on our website

**EFFECT:** We have just driven traffic to our website (win!)

4. The user may choose to take another action on our post:
   A. Like - Shows other users that this is interesting and may be worth a read
   B. Comment - Essentially a peer review; something as simple as “Congrats!” helps
   C. Share - Shares are the homerun of social media; every time someone shares a post to
their own wall, it is viewable to all of their own friends.

**EFFECT:** The more “actions” (clicks, likes, comments, and shares) that a post gets, the more relevant that Facebook, twitter, etc., deem the post to be. In turn, they show it to even more people (double win!)

**WHY INTERACTION MATTERS:**

Interactions validate a post’s relevance and help increase its visibility.

Here is the “why”: The average Facebook user has 338 friends. Assuming that they each post once a day, it would take hours to get through every post that everyone wrote in the last couple days every time you get online. So, Facebook has developed an algorithm to try to predict what posts you would like to see at the top of your page. For example, if you have a close friend whose photos you frequently like, share or comment on, Facebook will assume you enjoy that content and show you that person’s posts more than that long lost high school friend who you never interact with.

Another way that Facebook determines what content is most relevant is by the actions that it is eliciting from other users. For example, perhaps you don’t interact often with cousin Jesse, but he just had a major life event and a ton of his other Facebook friends are liking the post, congratulating him (commenting) and sharing the photo he posted. Facebook will likely serve that post to you near the top of your timeline, going on the assumption that if other people are finding his post interesting that you will, too.

**BONUS WIN: SHARES**

In addition to the boost a post gets each time someone interacts with it, when a user shares the post it is then available to all of his or her Facebook friends to see as well.

**MAXIMIZING BLOG POSTS**

The Dataw blog is strategically designed to contain “evergreen” content in order to get the most value from our shares.

Each time we create a post, it is essentially living on its own mini-page on our URL, dataw.com, and every time it is clicked on a user goes to our website.

Google ranks sites with more traffic and a long time on site better than sites with less traffic and a high bounce rate/short time on site. Great content will keep the reader on the site for a few minutes, and may even inspire them to click around and learn more. (triple win!)

**VIEW THE DATAW BLOG BY FOLLOWING US ON FACEBOOK, OR GO TO WWW.DATAW.COM/BLOG**
DragonBoat Beaufort Race Day
September 2

The Fourth Annual Dragonboat Beaufort Race Day will be held over Labor Day weekend, September 2nd and 3rd. Dragonboat racing is a sport that originated in China over 2,000 years ago and has since spread throughout Asia and the world. It is now the fastest growing watersport in the world, and is a competitive and therapeutic passion for thousands. The dragons of Beaufort will be racing at downtown’s Waterfront Park for crowds of roaring supporters.

DragonBoat-RaceDay.com

Hairspray: Presented by Charleston Stage at Dock Street Theatre
Sept. 7 Wed 7:30pm * Pay-As-You-Please
Sept. 9 Fri 7:30pm **Opening Night
Sept. 10 Sat 7:30pm September 18 Sun 3:00pm
Sept. 11 Sun 3:00pm Sept. 22 Thu 7:30pm
Sept. 15 Thu 7:30pm Sept. 23 Fri 7:30pm
Sept. 16 Fri 7:30pm Sept. 24 Sat 7:30pm
Sept. 17 Sat 7:30pm Sept. 25 Sun 3:00pm

Winner of eight Tony Awards including Best Musical and Best Original Score, “Hairspray” returns in an all new production to launch Charleston Stage’s 39th Season. Set in the rousing rock ‘n roll 60s, Hairspray, from the creators of “Catch Me If You Can,” follows Tracy Turnblad, the incorrigible teen who opens the door wide for big girls and big hair and takes on Baltimore’s bullies and bigots with her big heart. With an American Bandstand worthy 60s score, you won’t be able to stop the beat as you shake and shimmy to such hits as “Welcome to the Sixties”, “Big Blonde and Beautiful” and “You Can’t Stop the Beat!”

charlestonstage.com

Street Music on Paris Avenue
September 10 - Jason Ricci & the Bad Kind
September 24 - Guy Davis Trio
6:00 pm

Street Music on Paris Avenue brings in quality national and international touring musicians of all genres for a FREE community concert right in the heart of Port Royal. Bring your chairs and your dancing shoes! The free concerts will provide fun for the entire family. All shows are rain or shine and the rain location is The Shed on Paris Avenue, one block from the outdoor site.
Scottish Games & Highland Gathering at Boone Hall Plantation
September 17
9:00 am - 5:00 pm

The Scottish Games and Highland Gathering features a day packed full of various activities and events that has something for everyone – Scottish style. Whether you’re looking to experience Olympic type competition of the heavy athletics sporting events or the mastery of Scottish music, or even the border collie demo – don your kilt and head on over!
charlestownscots.org

Friends of Beaufort Library Fall Book Sale
September 23
12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

It’s time to get some good books on the cheap as the Friends of the Beaufort Library, Beaufort, Lobeco and St. Helena Branches, will hold its Annual Fall Book Sale September 23rd through the 25th at the Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park in downtown Beaufort. Everyone’s favorite book sale is the main fundraising event held by the Beaufort Friends, with all proceeds benefiting the Beaufort County Library System branches in the Beaufort area.
friendsofthebeaufortlibrary.com

Dance Theatre of Harlem
October 6
7:30 pm

Francesca Harper will create a new work to Attacca String Quartet. The Dance Theatre of Harlem brings new life to the classical ballet art form. They celebrate African American culture through treasured classical and neo-classical works by George Balanchine and resident choreographer Robert Garland, to cutting edge contemporary works.
gaillardcenter.com

Pat Conroy Literary Festival
October 20 – 23

Join us for the Inaugural Pat Conroy Literary Festival, celebrating the theme of Place as Character and Muse in Southern Literature! More than 40 writers and performers will be on hand for a 4-day celebration of Pat Conroy, Southern literature and culture, and beautiful Beaufort, SC. The festival will feature panel discussions, writers workshops, film screenings, live literary performances, a poetry reading, a photography exhibit, tours of Pat Conroy sites, lunch presentations with authors, receptions, book sales and signings, and the launch of A Lowcountry Heart, the new collection of non-fiction by Pat Conroy.
uscbcenterforthearts.com / patconroyfestival.com
Habersham Harvest Festival
Saturday, October 22nd 10:00 am-4:00 pm
Sunday, October 23rd 12:00 pm-4:00 pm

The 8th Annual Habersham Marketplace Harvest Festival is focused around Lowcountry values, family, entertainment, agricultural education and supporting our local economy. The Vintage Fair theme highlights all that the Lowcountry has to offer. Habersham Marketplace Harvest Festival is a grand event that captures the essence of the Fall, community, localism and farming. This “family event” is an entertaining and educational all street festival and celebration. Art, live music, vintage rides, petting zoo, and a 47' ferris wheel highlight the event.

Beaufort Symphony Orchestra: From Warsaw to Paris, Chopin Piano Concerto No. 1
October 20 at 7:30 pm
October 23, 2016 at 4:00 pm

The season will open with eighteen-year-old pianist Nadia Azzi as guest soloist playing “Chopin’s Piano Concerto No. 1”, followed by the orchestra’s presentation of “Saint Saens’ Symphony No. 3”, with our own Charles Frost at the organ.

Beaufortorchestra.org

Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival & Concours d’Elegance
October 28 – November 6

The centuries-old love story between man and machine has no better showcase with over 500 cars, boats, motorcycles and aircraft on exhibit the first weekend of November. The Hilton Head Island Motoring Festival & Concours d’Elegance is a richly textured experience laced throughout with the unique legacy of Southern hospitality. Here the best, the brightest, and most passionate automotive and aeronautic dreams of yesterday, today, and tomorrow come true right before your eyes. Signature events include: Flights & Fancy Aeroport Gala, Car Club Showcase, Aero Expo, Hilton Head Island Auction, and the Concours d’Elegance.

hiltonheadisland.org

Beaufort Fall Festival of Houses and Gardens
October 28 - 30

During the Fall Festival of Houses and Gardens, visitors are invited to explore Beaufort from a rare vantage point: a selection of private homes and gardens normally not open to the public welcomes visitors inside. The houses represent three centuries of Beaufort architecture for which the city is justly famous.

historicbeaufort.org
Fall Fun - Calendar of Events

A Christmas Tradition: Savannah Theatre Musical Revue
November 24 - December 26

“A Christmas Tradition” brings you holiday glitz and glitter with a 2-hour performance. The theatre is transformed into a perfect holiday picture, sharing memories of the Christmas standards that you know and love. Sprinkle in a little comedy and audience participation for the greatest event of the season.

savannahtheatre.com

Beaufort’s Light Up the Night Boat Parade
December 3
5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Join in the city’s annual Christmas parade of festively decorated boats on the Beaufort River in downtown. It’s quite the unique event and a must-see if you’re in town during the Holiday Season. The parade occurs the same weekend of the Night on the Town Celebration, and the city’s Christmas tree lighting. Celebrate Christmas, Beaufort-style.

usps.org/beaufort

Do you know of an off-island event happening December - February that you would like considered for inclusion in the Winter Events Calendar? Please email the details to datawmarketing@islc.net by November 1.